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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/893,742; Filed: June 29, 2001

For: Unified Messaging with Separate Media Component Storage

Inventors:

GUPTA et al.

Our Ref:

2013.0010000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. One (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A listing two (2) documents;
- 3. One (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08B listing one (1) document;
- 4. One copy each of documents FP1-FP2 and NPL1; and
- 5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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For: Unified Messaging with Separate

**Media Component Storage** 

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